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## Booby Bunting

The threat of communism alarms us. The threat of communism alarms you. None of us is going to get a Man of Distinction award for that. But the familiar twitching of the stomach which the dedicated Commie generates within us is hardly to be compared with the nausea engendered by some of our super-dedicated anti-Commies.

May we present for your inspection the John Birch Society?

Right now it is working churches, chambers of commerce and civic organizations in sundry sections of our land, pleading: "Come, join us in the fight against communism!"

It seems that the John Birch boys were organized in 1958 by a former candy manufacturer (and, we should guess, a little too much on the nougat side) by the name of Robert Welch. This rare Welch bit, by his own avowal, is the absolute boss of his society, named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Red Chinese. Brother Welch says such an organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." He's it.

As you would guess, old red-white-and-blue-forever Welch has written a book, privately printed, "The Politician" is distributed only among the top members of the John Birch Society. We understand it's impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy, or even get an acknowledgment that it exists. But a reporter for The Chicago Daily News has managed to read a copy, and vouches for the quotes which follow shortly.

You will see, once you've read

them, just how inspired an organization Mr. Welch has formed. You will be able then to decide, we believe, just how wide you may wish to open your arms to embrace the John Birch Society if it comes knocking at that big, patriotic old heart of yours. You will see, we pray, that not all is gold that is wrapped in tri-color bunting.

And now, from all-American Mr. Welch's volume:

"My firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt. . . . There is only one possible word to describe his (Mr. Eisenhower's) purpose and actions. The word is treason."

Mr. Welch goes on to report that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Warren and ex-Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration are, or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over the United States.

The one word to describe all that, of course, is idiocy. And, sad to relate, much the same idiocy has been expounded by a few other Americans. (Doubtlessly, you can supply a name or two for yourself.)

Heaven knows, the threat of communism to this country is real enough! But such unbelievable irresponsibility as this of the boss of the John Birch Society is terrifying!